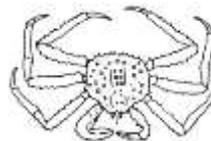

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COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT LOWER CHATHAM STRAIT AREA CLOSURE DATE

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Lower Chatham Strait Area will close at 12:00 noon **Monday, May 21, 2012**.

Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest as of the closure date is expected to reach the 25,000-pound GHL for the Lower Chatham Strait Area. The department will continue to monitor golden king crab harvest levels in the remaining three open areas. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days after the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Lower Chatham Strait Area no later than 12:00 noon Saturday, May 26, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1012.

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